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SPRING SIGN by General Weyler—"Keep off my trocha."

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THE SULTAN would have been a better man in the shah's place.

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THE OPPOSITION of Mr. Platt is worth millions to the sweet boom of the McKinley.

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FORAKER says he is tired of politics and wants to go abroad. There's another streak of luck for the Ohio Napoleon.

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BOOTH-TUCKER having advertised himself as a slummer, it won't be long before he will begin to lose his diamonds.

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THE UNDERTAKERS' TRUST makes funerals so expensive that death has become a luxury and only the rich can afford it.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN has been heard to remark to himself that there is such a thing as having too infernally vigorous a colonial policy.

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JOHN HAYS HAMMOND hoped to have a little government of his own, so that he might not be obliged to call on ours for aid and consolation.

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THE OTHER DAY forty-seven women law-students were graduated from the New York university, and chivalry demands that we shall all begin to quarrel to the bitter end.

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THERE IS A HINT for Paul Krueger in the Corinto affair. The damages he claims ought to be paid in full, and England has a habit of collecting her claims of that kind.

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A HEADING in a newspaper reads, "Mrs. Ferguson yields to old age." When the lady reads that announcement of her death she will fling her harp aside in order to tear her hair.

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"I WANT nobody who doesn't want me," says a young Massachusetts wife whose husband has run away with a pretty girl. Nobody but a fool would abandon a woman as sensible as that.

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ORATOR COCKRAN dislocated his hip by falling from a bicycle, but those who heard his comments on the circumstance say his oratorical language was passionate and eloquent and without a flaw.

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IT HAS BEEN evident for some time, remarks the Chicago *Times-Herald*, that Reed was reckoning without his host. How could the poor man help it when the host had pretty nearly all gone over to McKinley?

MIXED QUALMS.

ELEVATOR AUTOCRAT (*making a swift, down start from the eleventh floor*)—"How does it feel, uncle?"

UNCLE RAYNES (*weakly*)—"By gum! I dunno. Sorter a cross atween haow I felt on my steamer-trip tew Yurrup an' when I wuz larnin' tew smoke my fust segar."

A GREAT FINANCIER.

THERE MUST be some ability in the make-up of the prince of Wales. No ordinary man could have borrowed several millions of Baron Hirsch, and persuaded him in a diplomatic way to cancel the debt in his will. Perhaps the baron put this lost money on his list of charities, but with the prince it must have been a matter of genuine business.

WHY?

CARD-PLAYING was abolished on a New Jersey railroad largely patronized by commuters because a card-table cut a man nearly in two during a destructive collision. About the same time an old locomotive on the same road blew up and killed its engineer and fireman. Why, to be wise and consistent, didn't the company abolish its locomotives?

VERY HIGH TREASON.

IF THE BOERS had attacked any portion of Great Britain with the design of capturing it and setting up a government of their own, and especially if during the proceedings they had killed several Englishmen, their leaders at least would have been hanged and the damages would have been very large. Now it's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.

MR. ISCARIOT IN OUR POLITICS.

SEVERAL SILVER MEN have spoken favorably of Judas Iscariot in comparison with several sound-money men. It is not surprising in view of that gentleman's silver transaction a long time ago. He was so radical in behalf of the metal, however, that he sold his soul for it. We feel sure that the silver man of to-day would stop with the betrayal of the business interests of his suffering country.

THE CRIME OF LIBERTY.

GENERAL WEYLER was going to wind up the Cuban revolution in sixty days. He said it himself. They have a very queer article of time down there, however, and he now thinks it may take two years according to their calendar. Meanwhile the murdering is going on, on both sides, and there isn't humanity or courage enough in all the rest of the world to put a stop to it. There is more or less civilization in existence somewhere, but it is timid and very much afraid of itself.

GREAT HASTE.

THE PEOPLE of Cripple Creek are both active and enterprising. They had two fires in quick succession, and while the destruction was going on they planned to build the town over again. Then, to expedite matters, they blew up a hotel with dynamite, previously overlooking the somewhat humane proposition that they ought to notify its guests to get out of it. We never heard of such enterprise before, and if the victims might be resurrected they would probably emphasize the fact.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE IMPROPRIETY of congress or the president interfering with what is called British justice in the case of Mrs. Maybrick is a solemn thing; but the impropriety of sending an innocent woman to prison for life is both astonishing and sad. If, moreover, it was proper to protest against French injustice in the case of the black ex-representative, and if it is proper to pray for the pardon of John Hays Hammond by the Transvaal government, it is difficult to see why the proprieties should suffer through justice to a woman far more wronged than they.

ROBBING THE GRAVE.

ONE PROFESSOR WALTERS of New Jersey claims that he died and was buried in Washington; that he went to heaven, where he saw and got a telegram from Saint Peter; that he is appointed by divine authority to rule over this country, and that he will occupy the presidential chair as soon as Cleveland gets out of it. We look upon this as a bid for the Chicago nomination, which no live man wants. The absence of candidates has induced a southern Democratic paper to put up the late Daniel Manning, and everybody knows how often Andrew Jackson has been nominated since the period of his death.

VERNACULAR.

"IS THERE any hope, doc?" anxiously inquired a Nebraska man as the physician concluded his examination of the sick woman.

"There hain't," was the brief reply.

The man drew his toil-hardened hand across his eyes. "She's been a good wife for me, doc," he said in a voice that quivered with emotion, "but I reckon I'll have t' let 'er rip."

AT THE ROOT OF IT.

LITTLE Eddie awoke one morning, recently, cross and fretful. As the day advanced he became peevish and languid. The toys, books and pictures from the nursery failed to interest or amuse the little fellow, which quite alarmed his anxious mother. Taking him upon her lap, she requested him endearingly to "tell mamma where the naughty pain hurt him."

"It hurts me right here," said the little sufferer, pointing to his mouth.

"Perhaps his throat is sore," suggested the nurse.

"Yes, it is," replied the boy; "right back there where my tongue is fastened."

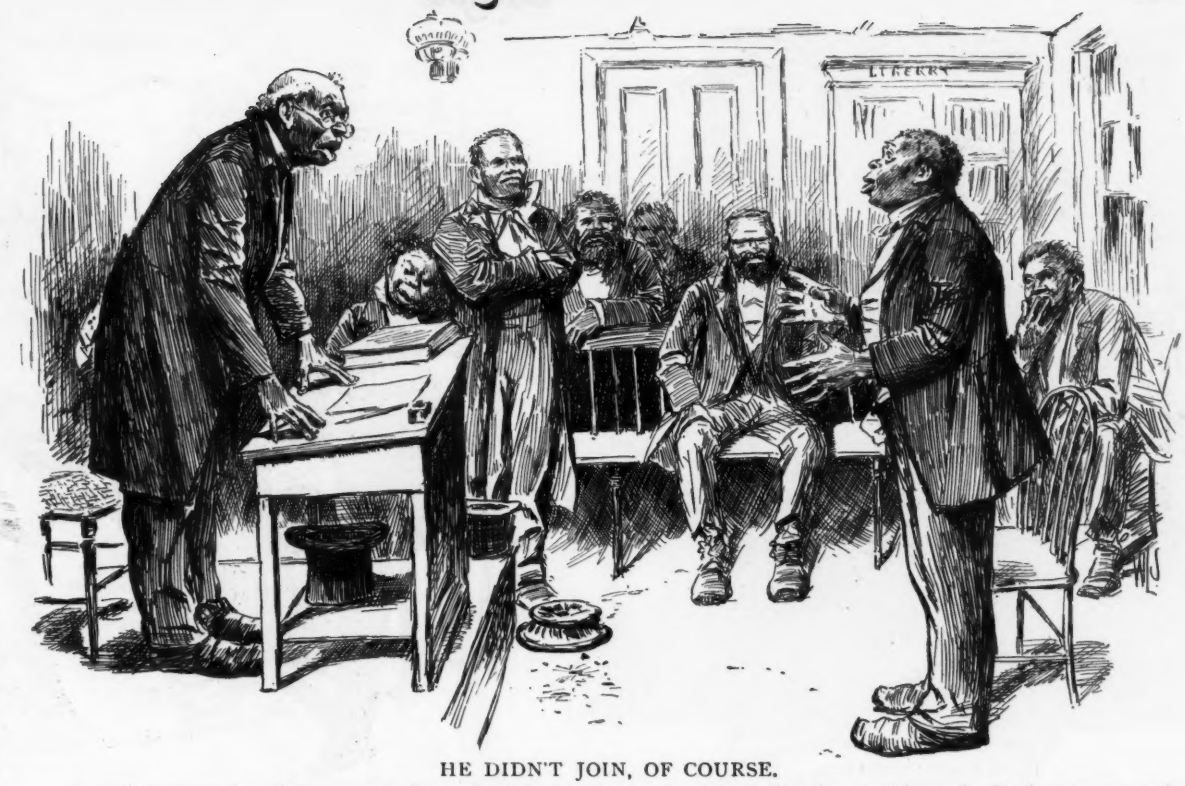
TOO MUCH SLACK.

SHE knows she makes a pretty view,
In spite of cynic's scathing;
That's why she finds her bloomers too
Voluminous for bathing.

N'IMPORTE.

Toots—"That's too bad; I've lost the cork out of my flask."

Soak—"Oh, that's all right; what do we want of a cork?"



HE DIDN'T JOIN, OF COURSE.

PRESIDING ELDER (*speaking upon Jim Jackson's application for membership*)—"Ob co'se we all know dat Jim 's got a repertation ez a chicken-t'ief, but now he wants to jine our chu'ch, en ef we let him into our fold he probably won't steal any mo' chickens."

DEACON RANDOLPH (*rising impressively*)—"Bredderin, we all knows dat membahship in dis chu'ch doan keep no fellah frum stealin' chickens, an' we also knows dat jais ez long ez Jim Jackson ain't a Christian he's de principal objec' ob suspicion in dis yar town. I move we keep him out."

A CONSIDERATION.

DOCTOR DOSEM—"No, sir; I do *not* think the bill exorbitant. Your wife's illness was well-nigh fatal."

MR. HARDTACK—"I know, doctor; but it wasn't fatal. You should take that into consideration."

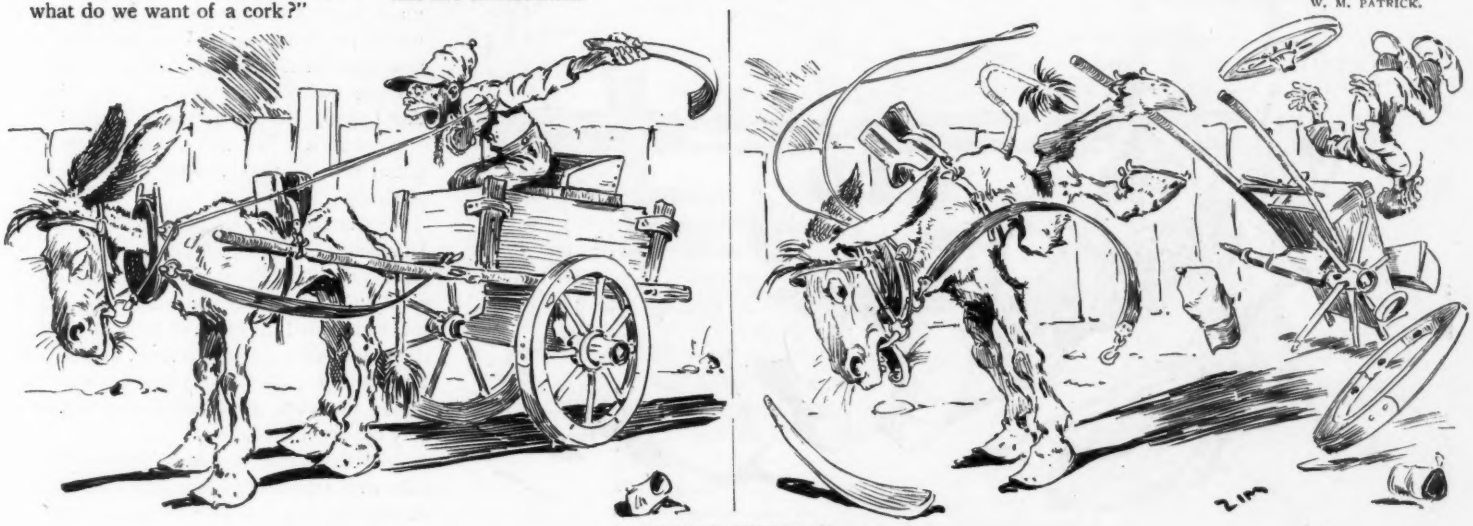
A THOUGHT.

HAD I an X-ray camera
'Twould pleasant be, I've thought,
To look up in my memory
The things long since forgot.

A STORIETTE.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SMITH did not live happily together. He was a pretty fair average husband, and got along pretty well with her, when she let him. She did not get along so well with him, and oftimes let him know it, after the manner of her kind. But the trodden worm will turn. Time, the great leveler and evener up of all things, brought the occasion. Her tombstone, erected by the bereaved husband, has inscribed upon it, after the customary birth and death announcements, the scriptural quotation, "There remaineth therefore a rest unto the people of God."

W. M. PATRICK.



SHORT DIVISION.

DRIVER (*to balky mule*)—"Yo' won't go? Is I got toe make a exhample ob yo' ag'in? Well, den, take dat fo' one, an' dat fo' two."

MULE (*awakening to his senses*)—"And that for three!"

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MABEL CLARKE.

'Twas in the company of Rice—
A name that always rhymes with *nice*
That first you flitted into view:
The date was "1492."
And yet, no paradox I'd state
In saying, dear, you're up to date.

CANDOR.

MR. GOTROKS—"I am worth a cool million. Do you think you could love me?"
MISS HIGHFLYER—"Oh, dear, *dear* Mr. Gotroks, I'll just love you to death!"

BLOSSOM-TIME.

"WHEE-E-E!" exclaimed Margie, "ze twees is all turned into tnow-torms."

IN THE HAMMOCK.

TO SIT beside her, young and fair,
Is pleasant, without doubt;
But never quarrel while you're there—
That means a falling out.

HAD HE BUT KNOWN.

"HAD I but known!"

Dimpleton gazed at his wife with a chagrined look that plainly showed his keen and bitter disappointment.

A YANKEE INVENTION.

Farmer Jones couldn't afford bicycles for all his clamorous boys, but he nevertheless tinkered them up a mighty pleasing substitute.

"Yes," he continued, smiling with a sad smile, "to think, when I am in the habit of coming home early every Saturday, that on this particular Saturday when you expected me, and when I certainly had every reason to come, I should have been detained at the office and should actually have forgotten all about Mrs. Van Antler's reception until too late."

Dimpleton glanced cautiously at his wife, who, silent and reproachful, gazed fixedly out of the window.

"I remember so well," he continued, "the day on which that invitation came in. How pleased I was to think she had remembered us and what a distinct feeling of satisfaction I had to think that it came on a Saturday, a day above all other days when I could attend. I confess, my dear, that ordinary receptions I don't care much for. Of course to please you I would go, but this particular one I was anxious to attend. It mortifies me; I can't tell you how disappointed I am to think that I should have forgotten all about it."

"And did you really want to go?" questioned his wife, looking at him suspiciously.

"Certainly I did, my dear," replied Dimpleton, glancing instinctively at the clock to make sure that he was entirely safe. "Why, for three days after you got the invitation I thought of little else. I didn't say much about it; I never do about those things. And here I have gone and missed the whole affair, and it may be the only opportunity I'll have."

"I think not, my dear," replied his wife, with a quiet smile that indicated how pleased she was with what he said. "This reception is the first of three, and the second takes place next Saturday at the same time."

TOM MASSON.

A FIN-DE-SIECLE FAVOR.

WEARY MYLES (*reading*)—"'It is rumored that the prince of Wales will adopt the low-crowned style of stiff-hat head-gear.'"
FLIPPANT WAY—"Say, Mylesy! I'll be rite in de push, won't I?"

A NECESSARY CHANGE.

Cohen was doing very well as a beginner until he got "gay" and——

HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

THE gardener was in a quandary. He had been told to mow the lawn, but the grass was quite high, and he knew not whether to use a scythe or the mower; so he accosted Davie.

"Say, boy; how does yer want this grass cut?"

It is not often the boy is appealed to for instructions, and he was flattered. He pondered a moment with forehead wrinkled and eyes closed; then he said, "Well, say! s'pose you cut her pompadour this time."

FRACTIONS.

Teacher (to Harry)—"Read the fractions I am putting on the blackboard."

Harry (reading)—"One-fourth, one-third, one-tooth."

LOVE'S LABOR 'S LOST.

MR. HENRY PECK (*to himself*)—"Bright idea of mine, this purposely dropping china. It will eventually emancipate me from this infernal dish-wiping programme." (*Crash!*)

MRS. HENRY PECK (*secretly pleased*)—"Oh, dear! I do hope he keeps breaking them. I want a new china set *so* much!"

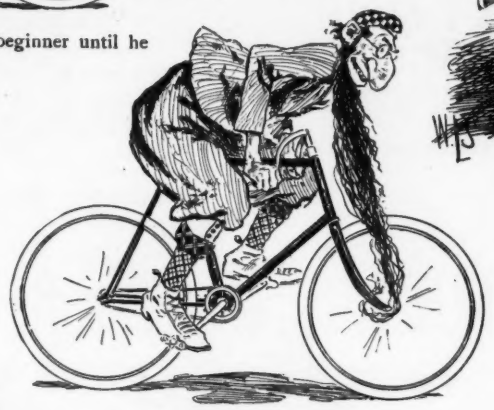
SO TRUE!

THE colored sexton of St. Peter's church has a very stylish mulatto wife. Asking for a bigger salary, he gave as a reason, "It's mighty hard to keep a sealskin wife on a muskrat salary."

SELF-EVIDENT.

"WHAT does the expression 'dead-line' mean?" asked Dumsquizzle.

"The hangman's rope," replied Dusenberry.



— tried scorching——

——making this hirsute connection, which laid him up three weeks——

FROM JUDGE'S DICTIONARY.

House—A place where men keep their wives.

Church—A social resort cultivated by young men of holy exterior and matrimonial proclivities.

City—A congregation of individuals gathered together for the purpose of making life pleasant for reformers.

Restaurant—An establishment whose servants display a reprehensible contempt for the sanctity of the vernacular.

Store—An establishment conducted for the delectation of ladies, who inspect the wares with a view of subsequent investment.

Theatre—An institution in which bad manners are taught by example. Also a place of amusement for occupants of the front row.

EDWARD CLAYTON SAVAGE.

AMBITIOUS.

MRS. JOHNSON—"Whad *yo'* want ob a bicycle?"

SAMMY JOHNSON—"I wants toe scorch—same ez white folks."

MRS. JOHNSON—"Kain't yo' wait till yo're daid, yo' hasty chile?"

A SERIES OF CALAMITIES.

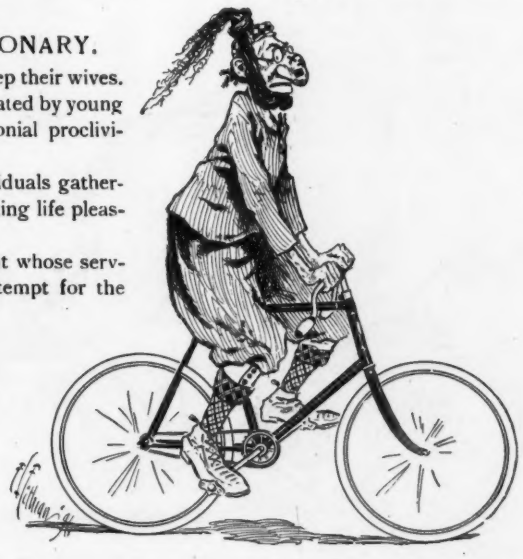
GRIEVED by the man she loved, she suffered acutely. Every fibre of her being responded to her mental anguish.

Her head fell upon her breast, her jaw dropped, she lost her tongue, her eyes lay on the carpet, her heart was in her throat, and her face was turned to stone.

At this point they sent for the doctor. When he arrived he found her all broken up.

SAME OLD FOOL.

THE summer girl who broke our heart last season,
And made us sadly think what might have been,
Knows very well that love is without reason,
And smiles to think she'll have us back again.



——and now this is the way he rides.

THE TRUTH OF THE CASE.

NEIGHBOR—"I hear your husband comes in drunk every night."

MRS. UGLI (*indignantly*)—"It's no such thing! He stays outside and swears till morning because I won't let him in."

SQUELCHING A RAILER.

HE HAD been railing against the new woman's bible.

"The very idea," he had said among other things; "the very idea of a parcel of women undertaking to revise the bible to suit their own notions! It's positively sacrilegious. It ought to be stopped by law. I never heard of such presumption."

"The old bible is good enough for you, I suppose, sir?" replied one of his auditors.

"Yes, sir; it is. It was good enough for my father and my mother and for their parents before them, and it is plenty good enough for me—plenty good enough, sir."

"I suppose you are quite a student of the bible, then?"

"I don't set up to be a student of the bible, sir, but I have a profound respect for the ancient volume. Now the very idea of a few women"——

"Well, if you are not what might be called a student of the bible you at least read it sometimes. You read a chapter or two every Sunday, of course?"

"No, I can't say that I do, but, as I said before, I consider this action of a few forward women presumptuous in the extreme, and"——

"Well," interrupted the questioner, "if you do not read the old bible much you are at least familiar with its teachings from hearing it read in churches, and can repeat the commandments, for instance?"

"I don't think I could do that, either. You see it has been quite a while since I went to Sunday-school, and"——

"You have never read the bible since then?"

"Well—er—er"——

"You can't repeat the ten commandments or the beatitudes?"

"Well, you see I"——

"Probably you don't know the name of the first book in the bible?"

"I wouldn't like to say I did for certain, but I am quite sure that these women who have made a pretended translation"——

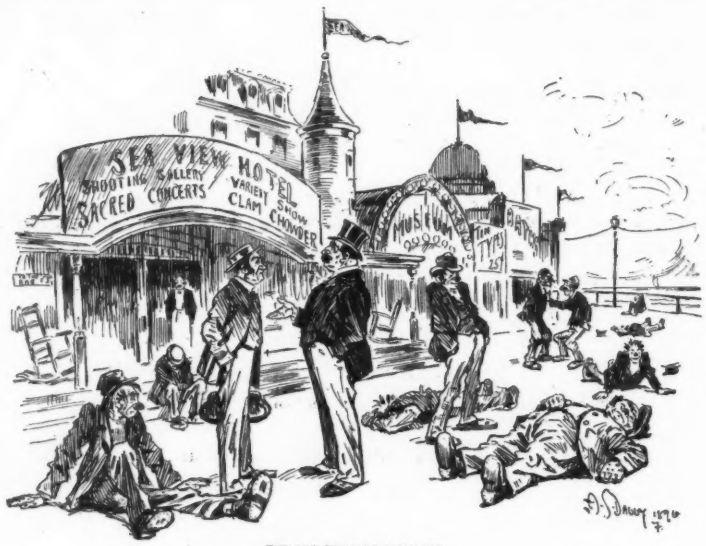
"That's all right; but if you know no more about the bible than your answers lead me to suppose I am afraid your opinion is not worth very much. Go and discuss base-ball prospects for the season. I think that subject is more in your line."

"Look here! do you mean to insult me?"

"Not at all; I am only giving you good advice. Don't try to discuss subjects on which you are ignorant; and before you begin to talk again about your veneration for the bible try to find out the name of the first book it contains."

The railer growled inaud bly a few minutes more, but had nothing further to say on the subject.

WILLIAM HENRY SIVITER.



PRELIMINARIES.

PROSPECTIVE GUEST—"I never saw so much drunkenness before at a summer resort; and the season hasn't even opened yet has it?"

HOTEL-PROPRIETOR—"Why, no; an' what's more, it *can't* open till somebody's seen the sea-serpent, er a man-eatin' shark, er a whale, er sunthin'. What d'ye s'pose I'm furnishin' free liquor to them clam-diggers fer—*fun?*"

WESTERN BASE-BALL NOTE.

Manager Bangs out exercising his "Colts."

A RECONCILING THOUGHT.

"ARTHUR, dear," she said, "I do wish you would not use cigarettes."

"Why?"

"Because you don't know what is in them."

"Oh, yes, I do. Why, for the trifling sum that a cigarette costs you get nicotine, valerian, possibly a little morphia, and any quantity of carbon."

She looked up into his eyes and murmured,

"Arthur, dear, it does seem like a bargain, doesn't it?"

ACCURACY.

Editor—"You say in this story that 'in 1882 Mr. Hanks was promoted to his present position.'"

Spaceryt—"Well, what of it?"

Editor—"The man is dead."

AN EVIDENT REMEDY.

MR. DEALER—"Now, here 's a horse, stranger, I kin sell yer. It's a buggy horse, though."

MR. MCGRIDER—"Pfwhell, pfwhy don't yez use some bug-powder on him?"

A PATRIOTIC PRECAUTION.

PAT—"Och, Biddy! theer's a cattypilly jist afther dhroppin' doon me nick."

BIDDY—"Yis, yis! Will Oi shquaze 'im?"

PAT—"Luk foorst an' see av he's grane."

AN EVENING'S DIVERSION.

MR. DOMINY COPE put away his brushes and combs, his lather and mugs, cast off his garment of servitude, donned his custom-made box-coat, took his hat from the peg and sallied forth into the world a new man.

"Let me see," said Mr. Dominy Cope. "I have a fancy to hear some German opera to-night. A man should be well informed." He put his hand into his pocket and drew forth a quarter. "The vulgar herd do not care for amusement of this kind. The balconies at the Boston theatre must be quite decent and cheerful to-night. First balcony, second balcony, gallery! I'll go to the gallery."

Mr. Dominy Cope laid down his quarter. "One dollar," said the man at the window.

"What!" exclaimed Dominy Cope. "I—I think I won't go up to-night."

For a moment he bitterly regretted the chance which had robbed him of his equanimity. Then, reflecting that even the best-localized man is apt to fail of his presence in unexpected contingencies, he drew himself together and made his way to the Hollis.

He was a trifle late, and a boy at the entrance sold him an admission for fifteen cents. But the play was uninteresting and decidedly below the intelligence of one who would willingly listen to German opera. He was therefore leaving the theatre with the intention of passing the remainder of the evening over a volume of Shakespeare, when he came upon three gentlemen whose hair still acknowledged the cut of his shears.

Now Mr. Dominy Cope, not being like other men, and having a fine sense of discrimination between times and places, would have turned aside with his glasses focused at their opposite. But they hailed him as a good fellow, assaulted him with cigars (lacking his discrimination), and left him with their three seats in his possession.

A suggestion of discontent was reflected from the smile of Mr. Dominy Cope. Then he turned about cheerfully, pocketed the cigars, hung his coat carefully across his arm, and, carrying his hat with dignified precision, he re-entered the theatre, presented his three checks to the usher and waited with unimpassioned serenity. The usher glanced at the three checks and then at the single man. His glance wandered with trepidation to the three seats (bestowed gratuitously upon his own friends) and back again to Mr. Dominy Cope. Then the seats were quietly vacated.

Mr. Dominy Cope placed his coat in the chair at his left, his hat in the one at his right. Then, deliberately seating himself between them, he gave his undivided attention to the play.

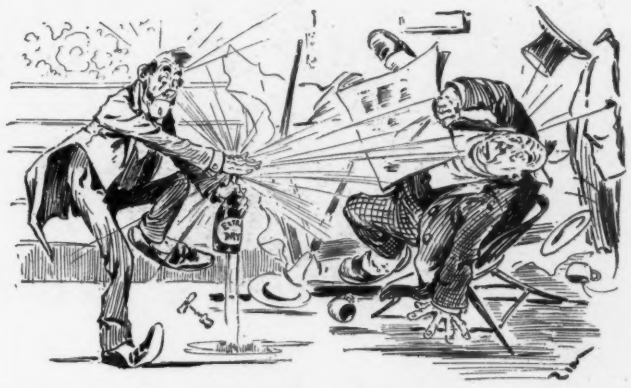
K. G.

THE SUMMER GIRL'S LOCKET.

SHE wears around her pretty neck
A slender chain that's trig and smart,
Where dangles from the centre links
An oscillating Trilby heart.

A photograph 's concealed inside,
And I suspect the fellow's face;
Yet still I know, and so do you,
That there's a woman in the case.

ARTHUR JOY.



THE CLUMSY WAITER; OR, THE UNCORKING OF THE TREACHEROUS STUFF.

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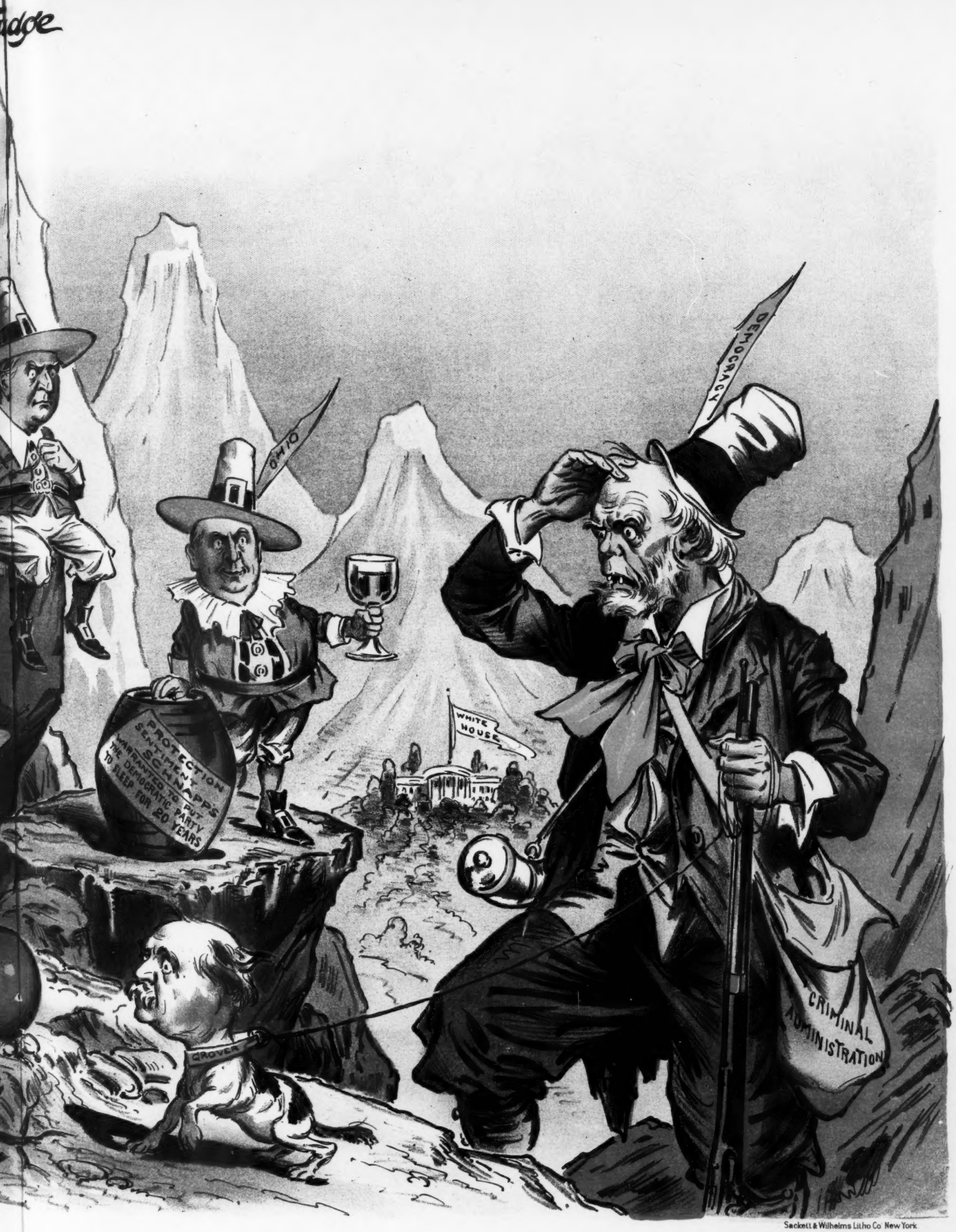
THE DEMOCRATIC RIP VA

RIP—"What! So near alike and all brothers? Well, I'll lie d



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RIP VAN WINKLE.
"I'll lie down and take another twenty years' sleep."

A THEORETICAL DEMISE.

MRS. FARMER—"You say you was a soldier in the late war?"
TRUTHFUL TOMKINS—"Yes'm; I wuz killed at Antietam."
MRS. FARMER—"Killed!"
TRUTHFUL TOMKINS—"Theoretically killed, ma'am; I wuz never heard uv afterwards."

A CASE FOR INOCULATION.

THINGS had been going on rather too well for this particular summer girl. The season was yet young and already there were two new members among her fiancés. Also her waiting-list was long But, being a versatile young woman, there were times when she was absolutely penitent.

"It does seem absurd when you think of it," she observed at such a time, "being engaged when one is not in love. Because, what is the object of it? I am not going to marry any of them. Even if I were, why should being engaged to four be the best preparation for matrimony with one?"

The man in the sand at her feet dispassionately threw a pebble at a passing dog.

"Why do you keep it up then?" he asked lazily. His had been a last-year's affair and now he was not deeply interested.

The girl thought for a few minutes. Then she went into the explanation scientifically.

"It's all from germs," she announced. "They are in the air and I breathe them in. Cold weather kills them. They flourish about this time of year and cause engagements."

"With special facilities for germ-culture attached to watering-places," encouraged the man, "and a fully-equipped bacteriological laboratory within walking distance from which the microbes escape on moonlight nights."

"I am peculiarly susceptible," the girl explained further, "to the horrid things. So that it is really not at all my fault."

"Not a shadow of blame could attach itself to you," assented the listener politely. "But since there is most danger to be apprehended from the germs on moonlight nights is it well to expose the youths of the place by taking them near the laboratory, otherwise your piazza, when the moon shineth?"

"I see where I am wrong," sighed the girl. "I won't do it again."

"Is that in the nature of a resolution?" asked the man carelessly.

"I suppose so," she replied mournfully.

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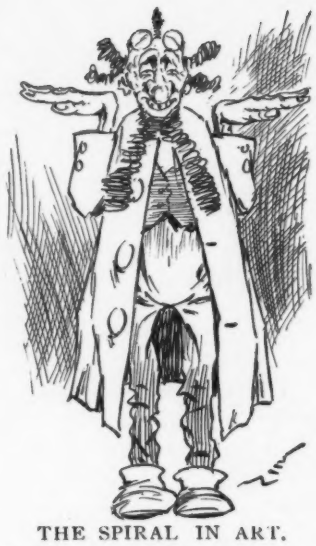
Less than a week later the last-year man discerned signs of an extensive epidemic of engagements centring around the young woman who had reformed. He exerted himself to tax her with perfidy.

"Didn't you move a resolution that you would cease this sort of thing?"

"I did," she answered unblushingly, "but no one seconded it. Even with a man's knowledge of business you ought to know that under such circumstances the resolution was not passed."

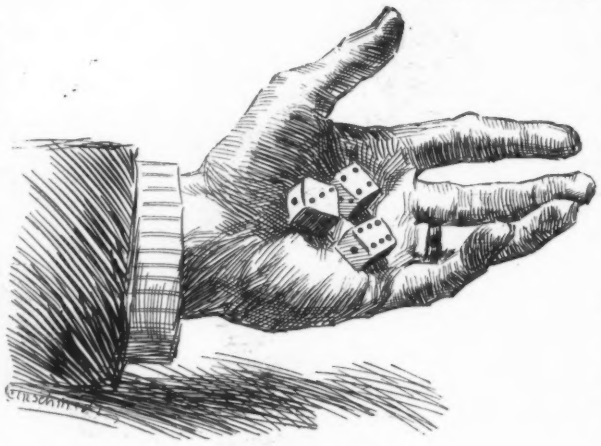
When the man came to she was gone.

MADGE ROBERTSON.



THE SPIRAL IN ART.

Beardsley undt Du Maurier
Dhem got way oop on art,
But if dhey leafes your Uncle Jake
I baed you dhey vhas shmart,
Mit dheir spirals undt dheir circles,
Dot vhas soothing to dher nerves;
Undt I vhas peen a crook mineself—
Vhas you dead onto my curves?



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Of something,
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And crowds it to the goal.

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Of nothing
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The slow to-be-ness
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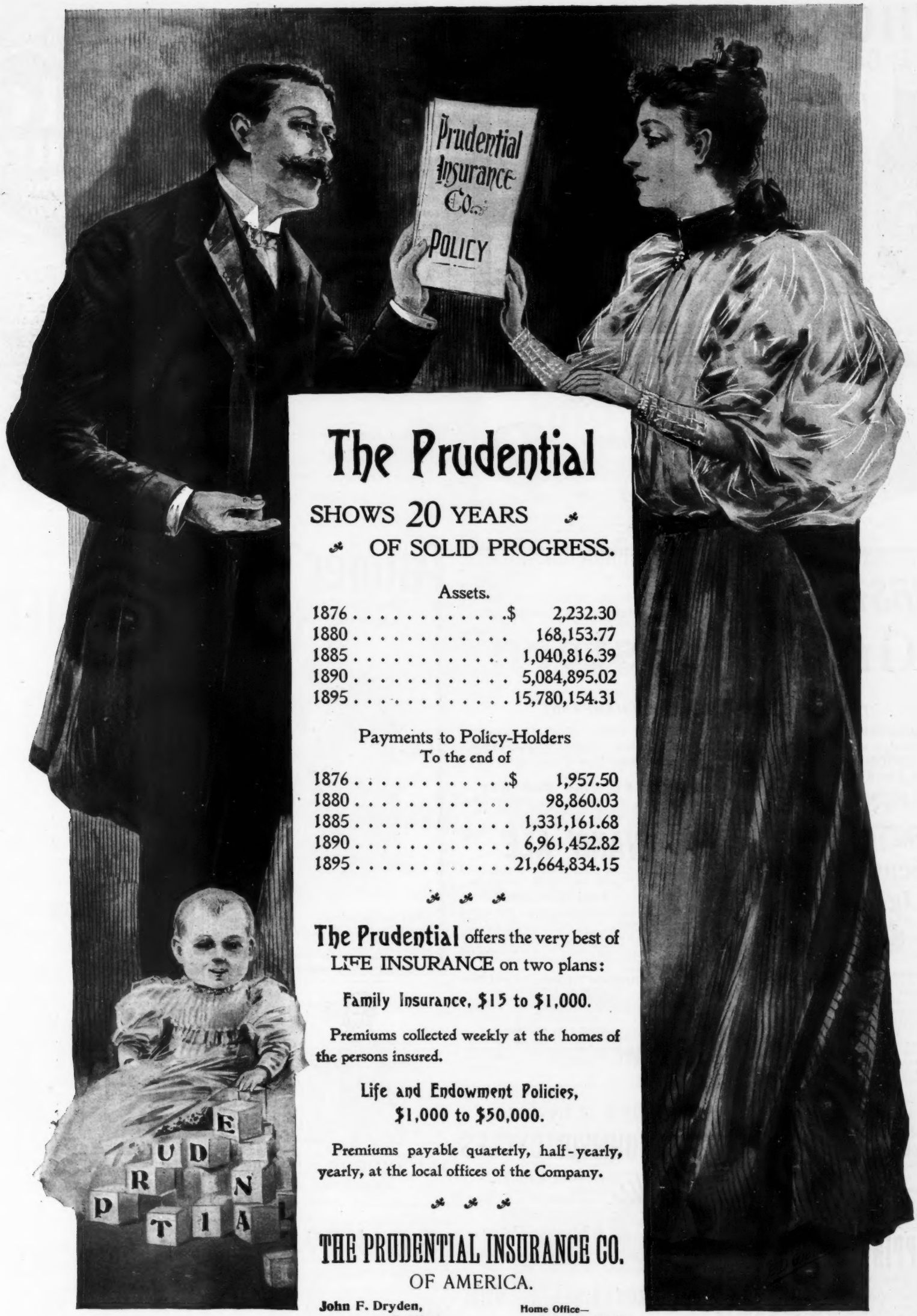

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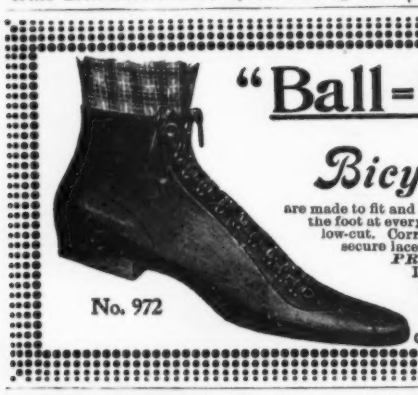

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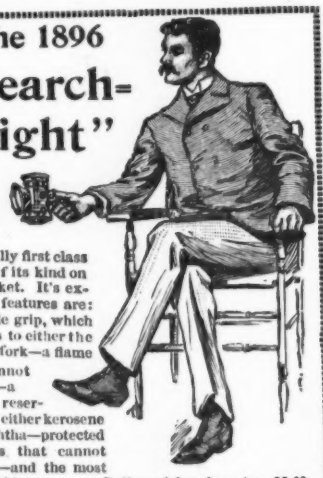

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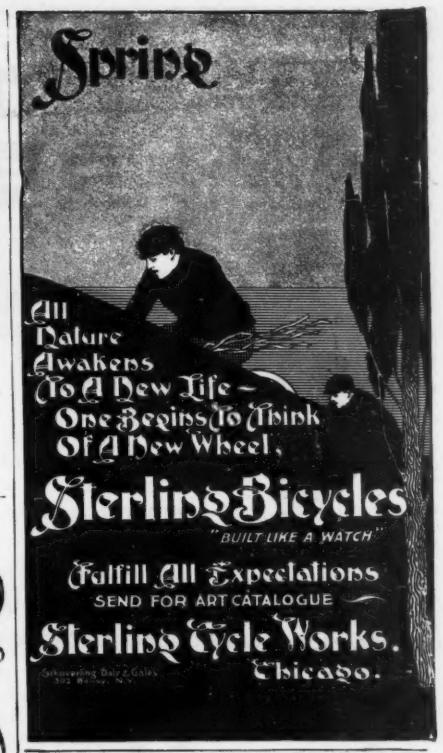

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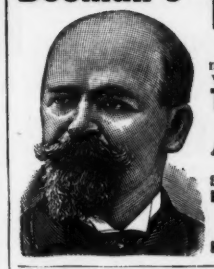

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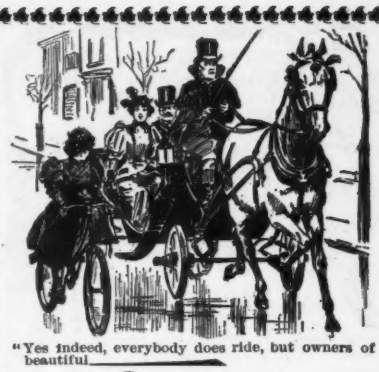

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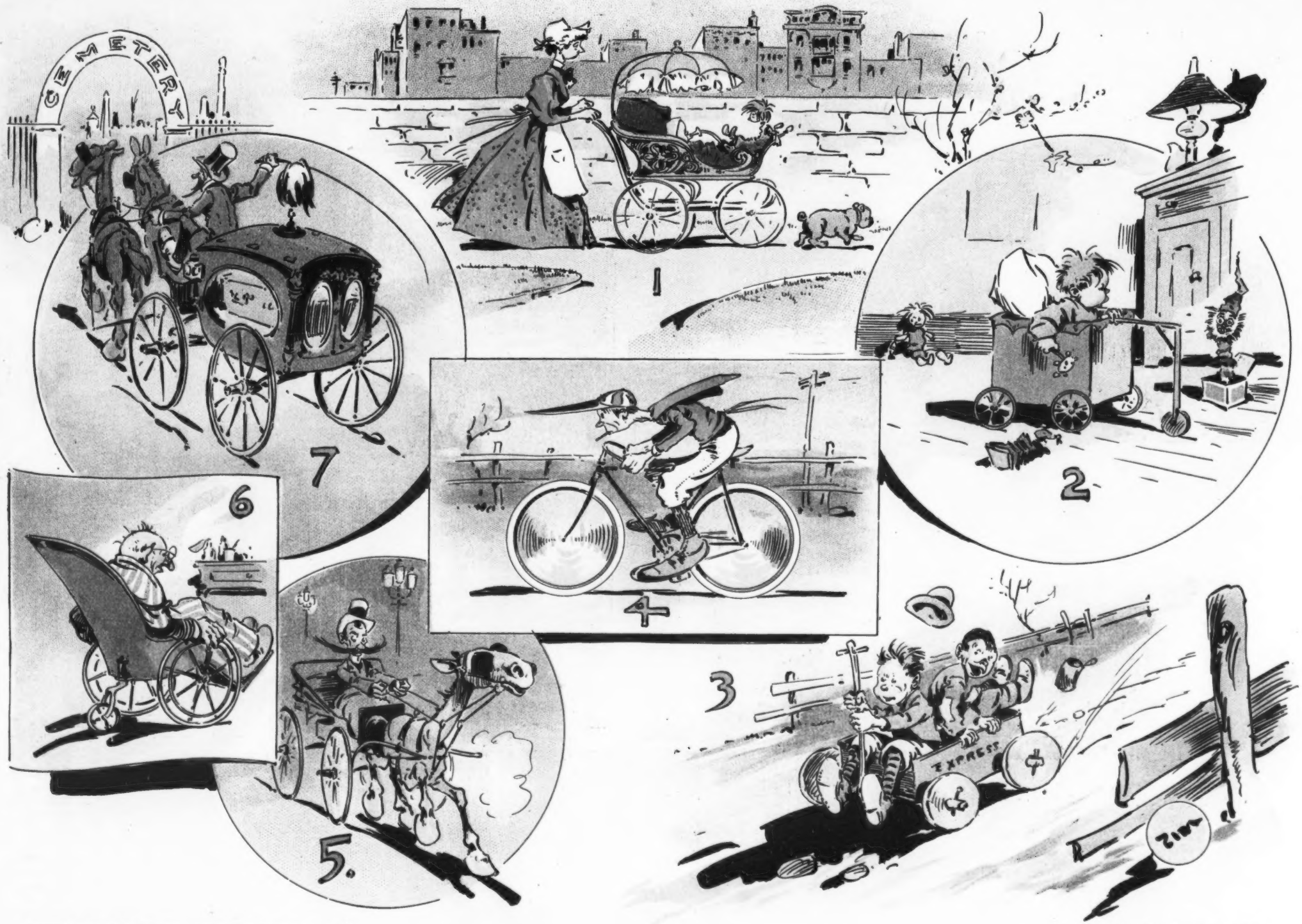

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